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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: MacDonald et al.

Serial No. 09/288,837

Filed: 8 April 1999

For: **METHODS AND MODIFIED CELLS
FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER**

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: B. Brumback

Date: August 7, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Election and Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 7, 2000, it is respectfully requested that the above-referenced application be examined in view of the following amendments and election.

In the Claims.

Cancel Claims 9 and 10 for the purposes of rewriting.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A composition comprising infectious alphavirus particles in an immunogenic effective amount, wherein said alphavirus particles comprise one or more heterologous nucleotide sequences encoding an antigen; and wherein said antigen is [selected from the group consisting of a native cancer cell antigen and] an artificial cancer antigen that is not normally expressed by a cancer cell.

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2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein said alphavirus particles are [particle is an] alphavirus replicon particles [particle].

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